GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:455
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PROMOTION OF ORGANIC FARMING/CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the area/percentage of the total agricultural land in which organic cultivation is being done in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, released and utilized under various schemes for encouraging the organic farming during each of the last three years, State-wise and scheme-wise;

(c) the details of targets fixed and success achieved under the said schemes during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the funds allocated under the said scheme during the Eleventh Plan period, State- wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 455 DUE FOR REPLY ON 7TH MAY, 2007.

(a): The formal certified area under organic cultivation in the country at present is about 1.74 lakh hectare. The State-wise area under certified organic cultivation is given at Annexure-I.

(b): Organic farming is being promoted under the National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) from 2004-05 and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) from 2005-06. The State-wise funds sanctioned/released and utilized for NPOF is given at Annexure-II and for NHM at Annexure-III.

(c): The State-wise targets and achievements under NPOF is given at Annexure-IV and under NHM at Annexure-V.

(d): The proposed outlay for the Eleventh Plan period is Rs.150.00 crore under NPOF. No State-wise allocation is made under both the schemes as funds are released on the basis of proposals received from States.